IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

| In re Application of: |) |
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| Hideyuki Okano <i>et al</i> . |) Group Art Unit: 1633 |
| Application No.: 10/571,277 |) Examiner: Maria G. Leavitt |
| Filed: March 9, 2006 | |
| For: METHODS FOR ENHANCING SURVIVAL AND/OR PROLIFERATION OF NEURAL STEM CELLS AND NEURITE EXTENSION, ENHANCERS THEREFOR, PHARMACEUTICAL COMPOSITIONS CONTAINING NEURAL STEM CELLS, ASSAY METHODS, AND SCREENING METHODS | Confirmation No.: 6053 |

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION

Applicants reply to the Office Action mailed October 30, 2009 ("Office Action"),

the period for response having been extended by a one month extension of time.

Please amend the above identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims in this paper.

Remarks/Arguments follow the amendment sections of this paper.